PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) No company has been given industrial approval to manufacture Rifampicin from intermediate stage.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

(f) Yes, Sir.

(g) The price fixed was Rs. 3000/- per kg. based on the Drug Price Control Order (DPCO), 1979.

(h) The international prices are subject to greater degree of fluctuation and this Department does not monitor the same.

Categorisation of drugs

988. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under Category III of existing Drugs Price Control Order, medicines are price controlled under therapeutic group;

(b) whether it is a fact that categorisation of proposed formulations under Category II is not being done on therapeutic indications;

(c) whether it is a fact that with this criteria, certain medicines for the same disease will be under price control and others outside;

(d) whether it is a fact that with such classification, price control medicines will go out of market and in their place price decontrol medicines will be promoted;

(e) whether it is also a fact that such classification will be infringement of Article 14 of Constitution;

(f) if so, whether any guidelines have been issued by his Ministry in this regard; and

(g) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The names of drugs to be included in proposed category I and II have not been announced by the Government.

(d) to (g) Do not arise at this stage.

Uniform power tariff

989. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no uniformity in the rates of power supplied by different power stations operated by the Centre;

(b) if so, what are the details of the power tariffs of the different Central Sector power stations and the reasons for the disparities; and

(c) whether it is proposed to take steps to work out a uniform power tariff for all Central Power Stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The cost of supply from different Central Sector generation stations differs on account of various factors like capital cost of the project, cost of fuel, O&M costs, etc. Tariff for supply of power from Central Generating Stations is given in the enclosed statement (see below).

(c) A committee has been constituted to examine all aspects of this matter.